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Carnival Time In Haliburton



Memories of the recently held Rotary Carnival. There are still more exciting carnivals and fairs ahead such as the County Fair and the Kinmount Fair. Watch the Communicator for details!



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Local 'Not for Profit' Organizations Benefit From Loonie Extravaganza

Each year the Loonie Extravaganza generates needed fundraising dollars for two local not for profit organization. This event is a "free money opportunity" for any organization. To receive the fund raising dollars there must be a least one participant attending this incredibly fun event who represents your organization. At the very last moment of the evening the two not for profit organizations are chosen like in a lottery. The more times your organization's name is in the hat the more likely the organization will receive the money.

Guaranteed Fun and Funds for local Non Profit Groups. August 19

Each year at this time, always on the Thursday before the 23 of August, Sally Moore organizes and holds the most unique fund raising event the county has ever experienced. Two hours of fun, games and laughter result in a needy organization receiving the needed operating monies for the coming year. How can your organization benefit? Members of your Board of directors, volunteers and staff of your organization should be encouraged to attend the Loonie Extravaganza this year to represent your organization.

Sally suggests that the more people you have attending this fun night, from your organization, the greater the possibility of

winning half or all of the proceeds of the evening. For more information don't hesitate to call Sally.

Participants should be prepared to make a financial donation, bring a gift for the prize table and be armed with the name of their favorite local non-profit organization. To learn more about the Loonie Extravaganza call Sally (286-4922) and call for your ticket to the event. Space is limited.

The Loonie Extravaganza is outrageously fun. What fun thing are you doing this Thursday at 6:30 p.m.?

Tireless volunteers hours are racked up each year to raise needed funds to operate local not for profit organizations. Sally Moore, of the Sunny Rock Bed & Breakfast, has another approach to fundraising that local not for profit groups need to know about and can tap into with little effort except socializing, laughter and playing games. Many local folks participate and two organizations will benefit from the proceeds of her trademarked Loonie Extravaganza to be held this Thursday, August 19 from 6:30-9:30 pm at The Sunny Rock B&B.

The event is called "Loonie" because it is outrageously fun. Called "Extravaganza" as it represents a variety of activity never before experienced by the average adult unless of course you participated in this unusual fundraiser last year.

The two benefactors last year were the Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network and The Haliburton Highlands Hospital Foundation. Your attendance may ensure your group receiving the proceeds of this years Ninth Annual Loonie Extravaganza.



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Keeping Your Water Flowing Year Round

by Stephen Patrick

The challenges of country living in cold climates are well known to all of Haliburton's permanent residents and cottage dwellers. In particular, the growing number of cottagers who want to take advantage of winter's beauty on the occasional weekend face a particular problem: how do you keep the water flowing from your lake or well, at 20 below?

Problems, as they say, can be opportunities and Lorne Heise, Founder and President of Heat-Line Corporation on Green Lake Road in Carnarvon, sure seized this one. In the 1980's Lorne and his wife Robin were running a successful construction company in the area when Lorne became convinced that he could find a solution to winter water problems. At that time if you drew your water over land or rocks from a lake, your only options for heating the pipe were expensive, inefficient, and unreliable.

For two years Lorne worked on new designs until, in the early 1990s, he was convinced he had a workable, marketable product and Heat-Line was born. For a few years he rented space in Lindsay to manufacture and market his patented Heat-Line and Retro-Line systems. These amazing products use a unique heat tracing system that is entirely self-regulating. No thermostat is required, over or under-heating is eliminated, and the pipe is flexible: it can go over and around rocks, and under cottages or barns. Lorne's remarkable inventions are also used extensively in trailer parks, farms, and resorts.

As product acceptance increased across North America, Lorne decided to move the company back to

Haliburton. He managed to persuade Stanhope Township to sell him land near the Stanhope Airport (particularly convenient for Lorne, a pilot who builds small planes in his spare time), and built a truly beautiful headquarters and plant that could easily be mistaken for a luxury resort or spa.

Lorne Heise is a prudent man, but he certainly isn't cautious. He's already successfully adapted his pipe heating technology to combat another major winter headache — roof and eaves ice buildup — and won two major construction association awards for his troubles.

And now, the company is poised for a major expansion with two brand new inventions. The first is a revolutionary freeze-proof plumbing vent stack for use in arctic climates that prevents freezing and subsequent ventilation blockage. Here's what happens in the far north, and occasionally right here in Haliburton on particularly bitterly cold days. Heat and methane gas from your plumbing system and septic tank is vented through a separate stack that exits through the roof of your home or cottage. As this moist air

risers and hits the deep freeze, it condenses and forms an ice block in the vent stack. When this occurs, sewer gases can be forced into the dwelling creating not only those pungent odours, but also some serious health issues.

Lorne's ArcticVent system is typically simple and ingenious. It utilizes a Heat-Line self-regulating heating cable that spirals around the pipe, melting any ice build-up from the outside in. A specially



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Admission is adults-\$5, 6-15 yrs-\$2, and children 6 yrs and under is free. This is what you've been waiting for since last year and you better not miss out on this exciting event at the Minden Fairgrounds.

The grounds open on August 20th at 4:00, and what do you know... so does the beer tent, so grab a cold one boys and get ready to hear the "Stoney Lonesome Band" play live. Be sure to remember to bring your appetite because the food booth opens at 5:00 and they will be serving the famous Beef on a Bun!

If you're looking for an exciting family event, well then be sure to check out the Mutt Show at 5:30 pm. The exhilarating Smash Em' Up Demolition Derby is on at 7:30 so be ready to be blown away.

The fun's not over for the night yet girls and boys-be sure to



Rides will be on hand at the Fair. This young lady enjoyed the rides at the recent Rotary Carnival in Haliburton.

check out the "Rabbit Dogs" live on stage from 9-12am.

Then rise and shine bright and early because the grounds are back open Saturday morning at 7:30 am. Don't want to make breakfast? Even better! Because the food booth is opened from 7:30 am until 11:00 am, and will be serving Pemeal on a Bun. And even more entertainment, if you end up missing them play on Friday then don't miss out again, the "Stoney Lonesome Band" performs live at 9:00 am.

After breakfast feel free to wander around, the midway and view the exhibitions that open at 9:00 am. This is going to be one jam-packed day to look forward to with non-stop fun. The Heavy Horse Show starts at 9:30 am, and than get ready for the mouth-watering Beef on a Bun being served at 11.

Make sure to bring the kids today, because from 11-4 pm there is going to be FREE Children's Events, from pony rides

and mini putt to the petting zoo and much more. Important news report: I have just received word that "Checker's" the clown is back! Be sure not to let this one slide by; bring the kids to go check her out.

Is there a Shania Twain or Garth Brooks roaming around the county? I guess you'll have to wait for the Talent Show from 1:00-4:00 pm to find out!

Get ready for the Sheep Shearing and Horse Pulling 11-3 pm, and then for even more live entertainment 4-6 and "Trole" from 9-1:00 am, it's going to be \$10 per person- Age of Majority at the S.G Nesbitt Memorial Arena.

This is going to be the event of the year. As you can tell by now, this years County Fair is going to be better than ever, so do not miss out, and if you do then have fun waiting another year while the rest of the county remembers these great times!



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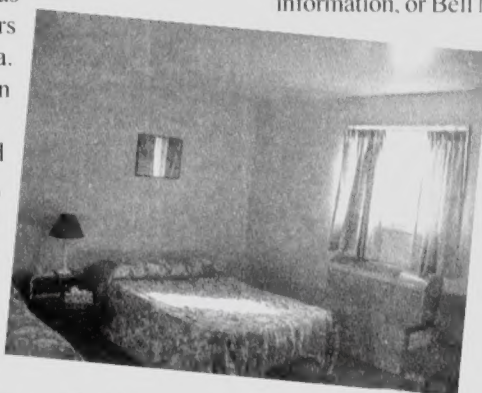


Silver Maple Motel Renovations Include New Coffee Shop

The Silver Maple Motel has been a fixture in Haliburton for 50 years and has consistently provided clean, simple accommodations to tourists and travelers. And this summer it's about to become bigger and better than ever.

Ray Gervais and his wife Gabrielle bought the Motel in February 1999, becoming only the third owners in the Motel's history. Ray has been a familiar Haliburton figure for many years as the long-time Hostess distributor for the area. The Gervais' also owned the old Dell Haven on Lake Kashagawigamog.

Ray and Gabrielle have continually upgraded the Silver Maple over the last five years, refurbishing the original 10 units and adding two very comfortable housekeeping units and two summer cottages. And now Ray is adding an additional six units plus a coffee shop, due to open in September.



All the Silver Maple's guests have access to Head Lake, and the School for the Arts and Haliburton's main street are just minutes away. Despite all these features, the rates are still exceptionally reasonable: basic units cost just \$60.00 per night for a couple, \$50

for a single. The housekeeping cottages are \$80 per night.

The Gervais are also Haliburton's Bell Mobility representatives and are happy to provide a full range of service and equipment to cell users.

Stop by, say hi, and come September – enjoy a coffee!!

For reservations and information, or Bell Mobility service, call 705 457-2607, or just drop in. Ray and Gabrielle continue the traditional motel service of welcoming unexpected late-night travelers.

The Silver Maple Motel in Haliburton is growing. Stop by and check out all the new changes. This is also home to Haliburton's Bell Mobility representatives.

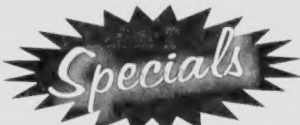




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This magnificent 8'x12' Cedar Room was generously donated by Carriage House Custom Designs. All proceeds from the winning bid will go to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation in support of the Haliburton and Minden Health Care Facilities. You can come view this wonderful cedar "Haliburton Room" at their new showroom at Carriage House Square on Hwy 35 and Main Street, Minden.

Opening bids start as low as \$3,000.00 - the manufacturers suggest that the actual retail price is \$8,950.00. The highest bidder will be announced at the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation Gala Evening at Wigamog Inn Resort, Sunday, October 16th, so you still have lots of time to get your bid in, and win this magnificent addition to your home.

Your bids can be dropped off at Carriage House or at the Health Care Facilities. For further information please contact the Foundation office at: Phone: 705-457-1580 or 705-286-1580, Fax: 705-457-2398, E-mail: foundation@hhhs.on.ca, website - www.hhhs.on.ca/foundation.htm

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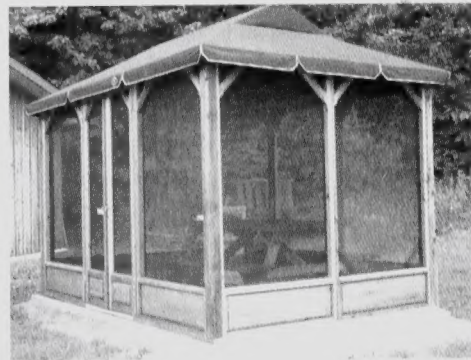
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The Big Band Dance is being held August 21st featuring the Greater Toronto Area Swing Band.

The Dance goes from 8:30 to 11:30 pm at the Haliburton Legion for \$15.00, so hurry up and head down to Henwood's Variety to purchase your tickets, or you can buy them from any Haliburton Lion. Proceeds from this fun filled event go to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation.

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designed "tether-string" in the centre of the stack prevents any block of ice from falling and causing injury. The sales potential for this new, patented product are huge. The governments and housing authority in Nunavut are already getting plans in place to retrofit 3000 housing units with the product, and that represents just one of 26 housing authorities in the area.

In mid-September Lorne and his team will travel to a major industrial show in Yellowknife, NWT to showcase the ArcticVent. The initial reception has been so positive that Lorne is already drawing up plans



to build a new manufacturing facility next to the company's existing headquarters. But, as always, Lorne remains prudent and he'll make sure that the requisite number of contracts is in place before any construction begins.

And that's not all. Municipal customers of Heat-Line in Colorado

had told Lorne of problems their town was having delivering municipal water in subzero conditions across inhospitable terrain. So Heat-Line have invented and produced a brand-new product called Carapace designed to provide energy efficient municipal and domestic water pipe freeze protection. It's so good that when towns are building a new subdivision, for example, they won't need to excavate below the

frost line for domestic water delivery. As with the ArcticVent system, the potential market for Carapace is huge.

Lorne and Robin's staff is remarkably small, and at this point numbers only eight. The manufacturer of the new Carapace pipes is contracted out, although all the Heat-Line and Retro-Line products are made in Haliburton. Lorne credits his enthusiastic Marketing Director, Brandi



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Hewson, for making sure the good news about these remarkable products gets out.

Lorne Heise's enthusiasm and entrepreneurial zeal, along with the dedication and smarts of his staff, have made this Haliburton Company a world leader in innovation and design. As Lorne puts it, "from problems come solutions." And the company's slogan "winter water, anywhere, anytime" may soon reflect only a small part of Heat-Line's product line.

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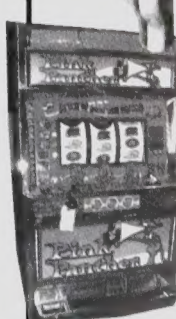
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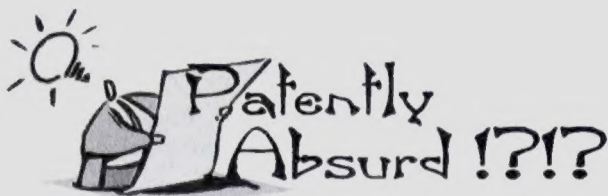
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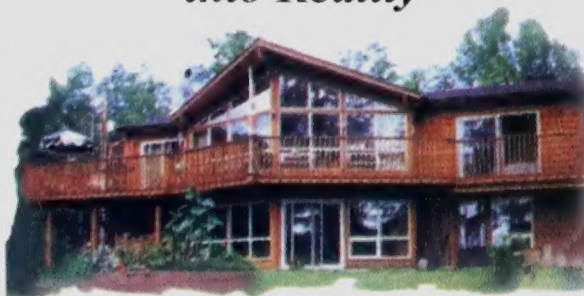
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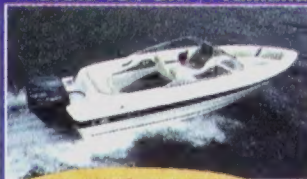
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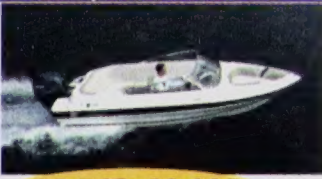
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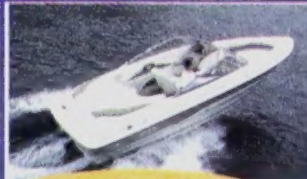
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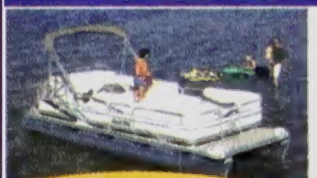
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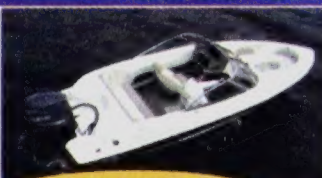
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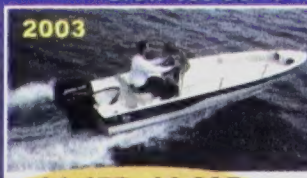
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90 Hp Hamam fourstroke, Tonneau Cover, CD player, auto bilge pump, swim ladder.

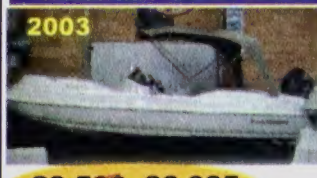
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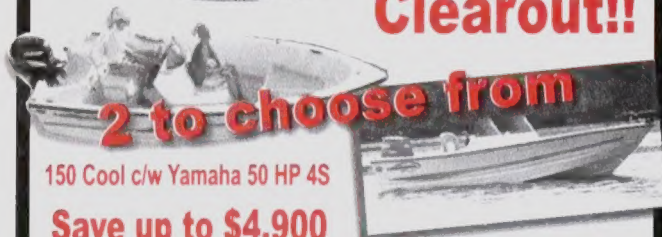


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Boat Test All About Common Sense & Safety

Minden Live Bait and Tackle has long been a popular destination for Haliburton anglers and hunters from near and far. Owner Jack Saunders and popular behind-the-counter fixture Bill Findlay can sell you the latest fishing gear, leeches, minnows and worms as well as acting as agents for the Ministry of Natural Resources for licenses and hunting tags.

A few years ago Minden Live Bait, featuring Bill, was designated as one of the 30 best bait stores around by the magazine *Outdoors Canada*. Just spend a little time in the store on any busy morning and you'll see why. Bill's canny blend of humour, advice, and tall tales would charm just about anyone.

But sometimes the customers have more on their minds than their next adventure in the great outdoors. For the last few years Fisheries and Oceans Canada have been implementing something called 'The Competency of Operators of Pleasure Craft Regulations'. These regulations "require operators of pleasure craft fitted with a motor and used for recreational purposes to have proof of competency on board at all times." This requirement, in essence a license to drive a boat, has been phased in gradually over the past five years. In September 2002, "all operators of craft under 4 metres in length, including personal watercraft" have been required to pass a rigorous test in order to get their license.

No More Mr. Nice Guy - Government Getting Tougher...

Until this summer, license enforcement was sporadic, and often forgiving. The government wanted to give boaters a fair chance to study the regulations and pass the test. Many warnings were issued with relatively few fines levied. But this summer, no more Mr. Nice Guy. If you're puttering along in your little 14 footer with a mean looking 5 H.P. on the stern, or maybe terrorizing the birds and the water beetles with a sleek personal

watercraft, and don't have the license, you are liable for a minimum fine of \$285 big ones, and we're not talking fish.

What to do? First, obtain a copy of the Fisheries and Oceans Canada's Safe Boating Guide from Bait Stores, or a federal government office, and study hard. Next, show up at stores like Minden Live Bait, which have an officially designated Proctor to supervise the test. Bill Findlay is one such Proctor, and although he can't show you the test in advance, he'll provide some sage advice as to the form of the test and try to get you "to think in the right direction," as he puts it.

The language used in the test is legalistic

and laced with the jargon of boating, so you need to be on your toes. But, as Bill says, "it all comes down to safety and common sense. Just don't get sidetracked by the language." And, by the way, be sure to bring your test fee of \$28.

Oh, and by the way, don't try to

access the test on the Internet. It used to be there, but now, to no one's surprise, it's been removed.

For further information, go the Coast Guard's web site at www.ccg-gcc.gc.ca and follow the links to the Boating Safety

Take a Course section. Or drop in and spend some pleasant moments with Bill Findlay at Minden Live Bait and Tackle on Highway 35 in Minden. They can be reached at 286-4826.



Bill's the man to see about your boat test at Minden Bait & Tackle.

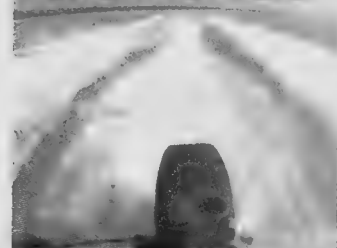
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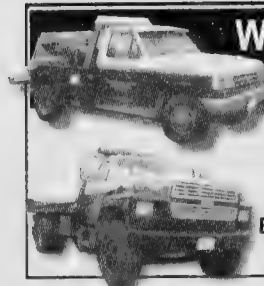
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ATV Association 4-Wheelin' Ahead: New Trail Map Completed

Recreational ATV use is increasing rapidly all across Ontario and Haliburton County is no exception. With thousands of acres of undeveloped crown lands the County would seem to be an ideal destination for weekend riders. The Haliburton ATV Association (HATVA), in only its third year of operation, has just published its glossy new 2004-2005 Official Trail Map. The guide is well laid out and gives a good, clear view of just where ATV users are allowed to ride, and where they're not. There are also four very useful mini-guides to ATV trails in our adjacent areas such as Muskoka, Madawaska, Bobcaygeon, and Hadlington.

Despite a growing club membership, the HATVA faces a lot of challenges in the County in terms of public and political acceptance. As Mike Burke, HATVA President puts it; "The ATV Association is about where the Snowmobile Clubs were in the late 1970s. We're just beginning. Our main job right now is to educate our members, and the general public, about just what responsible ATV riding is all about."



Mike Burke

To that end the Association has developed an ATV rider etiquette and safety checklist for its members. It asks, for example, that all riders "respect and be courteous to all other trail users, and always give way to non-motorized users."

It also advises riders to "remove helmet and goggles when talking to other trail users", and "ride ONLY on designated ATV trails and approved road links between trails." The HATVA also urges its members, and all ATVers, to respect the environment, never disturb natural wetlands or streams, and to pick up any debris they discover on their travels. Twenty five years ago the snowmobile associations realized that if they wished to survive, they simply had to convince the public, local municipalities and their own members, that everyone on a sled wasn't some renegade trespasser, or worse. The huge growth in the sport in the 1980s and 90s is a testament to their success.

The HATVA realizes just how important perception is and states unequivocally: "It is the mandate of the HATVA to promote safe and responsible ATVering in Haliburton County. It is imperative that riders ride responsibly here if we hope to be allowed to enjoy this sport long into the future."

So far only three of the four Haliburton townships allow riders access to Municipal roads. The big exception is Dysart Township, which includes Haliburton Village and surrounding area. Here riders are allowed only on the Rail Trail between



Kinmount and Haliburton, plus a few hundred metres along Head Lake. Riders can link up with Gooderham and points east via the Koshlong Lake Road and the Northern Lights, Koshlong Dam Road. This makes it pretty difficult for ATVers without a trailer to gain access to the major Crown Lands, but Mike Burke is convinced that a greater public acceptance of the activity is sure to come, just as it did for the sledders.

Highlands East ATVers are reminded that while it is legal now to ride the roadways in this part of the county, Council has passed the bylaw on a "trial basis" and will be monitoring usage. ATV users could lose this freedom if responsibility & safe operation is not being practiced by ATV owners.

The HATVA consults regularly with its snowmobiling colleagues, but Burke is quick to point out that "there are no plans whatsoever to attempt to gain access to the private trails used by snowmobilers. We urge all our riders to stay strictly on Crown land and approved public right of ways."

HATVA membership applications, and the new map, are available at your local dealer, or off the web at www.haliburtonatv.com.

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Cameron (left) and Matt (right)

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A year ago, two smart young guys with a passion for skateboarding asked themselves two simple questions: "Is there any chance a skateboard store in Minden could make any money, or at least survive?" and "Could two college students ever find the resources to make it happen?"

On June 19th this year, Cameron Scully and Matt Ecclestone, a fourth generation Gull Lake cottager, answered YES! to both questions when they opened their sharp new store called the Good For Nothing Skateboard Shop on Booth Crescent off Highway 35 in Minden.

Matt and Cameron knew that skateboarders demand very specific merchandise and highly expert advice as to boards, their setup, and accessories. They also demand a store with a particular look and feel. Often with a peculiar name. Older people might call it a culture, but at the very least, skateboarders, some as young as five years old, know what they want, and why.

Good For Nothing has had a very successful summer providing the local skateboarding community with all it needs in boards, clothing, and accessories, at very reasonable prices. As a thank you to all their customers and friends, they're offering a giant Labour Day sale to end their first season. And next year, after one more year in college, they plan to build their own skateboard park next to the store (yes, they have the land), complete with bowl, half-pipe, and cement - not wood - ramps. They'll re-open at the end of April, and plan to have the park ready for the summer.

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New Business

by Natasha Mackesey

"Deep in the heart of Wilberforce" Peter Varga and his rockhound Toby have been searching the lands, hunting down specific rocks and mineral specimens, to cut and facet into breath taking dazzling jewellery.

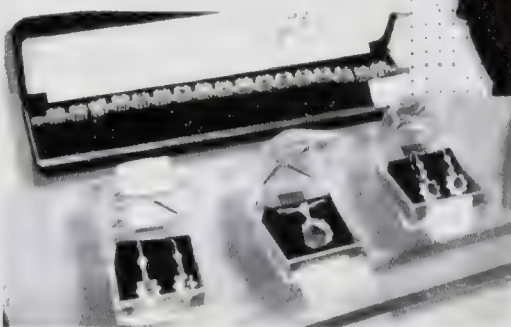
If you are looking to see some magnificent pieces of art, then head down to Starlite Gems to be mesmerized by these sparkling beauties.

Peter's family has been living in the area for 40 years now, and he has been studying rocks since 1996. On July 3rd he finally jumped the rock and opened up Starlite Gems, a great shop located right across the street from Agnew's General Store, Wilberforce. He sells many things including rocks, minerals, gems, jewellery, lapidary supplies and much more. "I sell everything from free tumble stones for the kids, to local and imported gems," proudly states Peter.

For all you local rock hunters, you'll be glad to hear this... Peter specializes in local minerals and gems, so go check and see if he has the precious one that you've been hunting for.

This is a seasonal business running from approximately May to September, which means there's not much time left. Make sure you don't miss out on this opportunity, these exquisite gems will be flying hot off the shelves.

Starlite Gems is open Tuesday to Saturday 10 am-5 pm, Sundays and holidays 10 am-4 pm. For future information please contact Peter Varga: 705-448-9437, or you can e-mail him at: poca@interhop.net



Photos by Shawn Welsh

Peter Varga with his rockhound Toby. Both are on hand to greet you at Starlite Gems in Wilberforce. Pictured below is the small, but mighty store. At left, a small sample of the many gems.



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Dumb Criminals

WHAT DID YOU DO ON YOUR SUMMER VACATION? Paul Cunningham, 21, a student from Dover, Del., admits it "probably wasn't a good idea" to eat an entire bag of hallucinogenic mushrooms. During his resulting three-day high, Cunningham went on a "crime spree" over a two-state area, but he isn't sure exactly what he did. "I think I stole a car, I'm not sure," he told a 911 operator at the end of his trip. He told police in Falls Village, Del., that he remembers driving his mom's car around Connecticut, then taking a train to New York City, and taking at least two cars for drives before coming to his senses and calling for help. "In retrospect, [eating the mushrooms] was a bad idea," he says. ...Proof enough that he didn't kill ALL of his brain cells.



FROWNED UPON: Police in Staten Island, N.Y., say Jeremiah Logan, 23, and Joseph Pucciarelli, 24, bought \$5 worth of gasoline and then walked to a nearby intersection to debate whether to burn a giant swastika onto the street, or a giant Smiley Face. They decided on the Nazi symbol; after pouring the gas they lit it on fire, police say, causing a 20- by 20-foot permanent scar in the pavement that had to be paved over. They were charged with felony criminal mischief, reckless endangerment and arson. Prosecutors considered charging the two with a hate crime, but there was no identified victim. (Staten Island Advance) ...Had they had chosen the Smiley Face, would they have been charged with a love crime?

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The number "11"

If you've read the e-mail going around about the number "11" for the past few weeks, you will love David's response to it. Don't know who David is, but his letter is hilarious! Make sure you read beyond the "Original Letter"!

Original Letter:

The date of the attack: 9/11 - $9 + 1 + 1 = 11$

September 11th is the 254th day of the year: $2 + 5 + 4 = 11$

After September 11th there are 111 days left to the end of the year.

119 is the area code to Iraq/Iran. $1 + 1 + 9 = 11$

Twin Towers - standing side by side, looks like the number 11

The first plane to hit the towers was Flight 11

State of New York - The 11th State added to the Union

New York City - 11 Letters

Afghanistan - 11 Letters

The Pentagon - 11 Letters

Ramzi Yousef - 11 Letters (convicted of orchestrating the attack at the WTC in 1993)

Flight 11 - 92 on board - $9 + 2 = 11$

Flight 77 - 65 on board - $6 + 5 = 11$

Dave's response:

Oh my God! How worried should I be? There are 11 letters in the name "David Pawson!" I'm going into hiding NOW. See you in a few weeks. Wait a sec ... just realized "YOU CAN'T HIDE" also has 11 letters! What am I gonna do? Help me! The ists are after me! ME! I can't believe it! Oh crap, there must be someplace on the planet Earth I could hide! But no, "PLANET EARTH" has 11 letters, too! Maybe Nostradamus can help me. But dare I trust him? There are 11 letters in "NOSTRADAMUS."

I know, the Red Cross can help. No they can't... 11 letters in "THE RED CROSS," can't trust them. I would rely on self defense, but "SELF DEFENSE" has 11 letters in it, too! Can someone help? Anyone? If so, send me email. No, don't... "SEND ME EMAIL" has 11 letters. Will this never end? I'm going insane! "GOING INSANE?" Eleven letters! Noooooooooooooo! I guess I'll die alone, even though "I'LL DIE ALONE" has 11 letters.

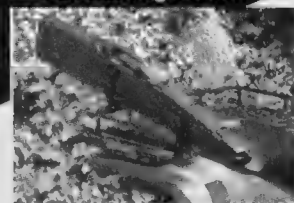
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John is a major area installer of Bell ExpressVu dishes and receivers. He has a passionate dedication to getting the installation right, even if it takes those extra few minutes to locate your new dish in exactly the right spot. John also provides regular troubleshooting services for his



customers, which is great news for those who prefer not to spend their days navigating the dangerous paths of Bell's voice mail service. But to their credit, Bell ExpressVu is delighted to have a representative as knowledgeable and experienced as John.

As John says, "Make sure the customer's happy, get it right the first time, do the job as if you were doing it for yourself." And Bell

Expressvu notes that John outsells many dealers, even some of their own Bell World locations in part because of his reputation for doing everything exactly right. In fact, Bell has changed its pricing policy so that Fountain Electronics is now on an equal price playing field with all other dealers, including Bell World. John is also committed to fair pricing policies. "We have no qualms about showing people our price lists: I'm just out to make a living, not to get rich tomorrow, and our customers know that."



John Fountain also continues to service and install the traditional TV towers, and even does some contract tower services for the Candlelight Internet providers.

John's shop is ably manned by Tom Misico who can help customers with all their video and audio needs. John Fountain Electronics is open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays from 9 to 5, Thursdays and Fridays from 1 to 5, and is closed Tuesdays and Sundays. You can reach them at 705 286-2536.

John is pictured with his family (top) in front of his shop. Below he is pictured with his wife at their sign seen from Hwy 35 in Minden.

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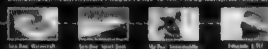
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INVENTIONS

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Richard Hollingshead's vision was an open-air movie theater where moviegoers could watch from their own cars. He experimented in his own driveway at 212 Thomas Avenue, Camden, New Jersey. The inventor mounted a 1928 Kodak projector on the hood of his car, projected onto a screen he had nailed to trees in his backyard, and used a radio placed behind the screen for sound

The inventor subjected his beta drive-in to vigorous testing: for sound quality, for different weather conditions (Richard used a lawn sprinkler to imitate rain) and for figuring out how to park the patrons' cars. Richard tried lining up the cars in his driveway, which created a problem with line of sight if one car was directly parked behind another car. By spacing cars at various distances and placing blocks and ramps under the front wheels of cars that were further away from the screen, Richard Hollingshead created the perfect parking arrangement for the drive-in movie theater experience.

The first patent for the Drive-In Theater (United States Patent# 1,909,537) was issued on May 16, 1933. With an investment of \$30,000, Richard opened the first drive-in on Tuesday June 6, 1933 at a location on Crescent Boulevard, Camden, New Jersey. The price of admission was 25 cents for the car and 25 cents per person

The design did not include the in-car speaker system we know today. The inventor contacted a company by the name of RCA Victor to provide the sound system, called "Directional Sound." Three main speakers were mounted next to the screen that provided sound. The

Drive-in Theatres

sound quality was not good for cars in the rear of the theater or for the surrounding neighbors.

The largest drive-in theater in patron capacity was the All-Weather



Drive-In of Copiague, New York. All-Weather had parking space for 2,500 cars, an indoor 1,200 seat viewing area, kid's playground, a full service restaurant and a shuttle train that took customers from their cars and around the 28-acre theater lot.

The two smallest drive-ins were the Harmony Drive-In of Harmony Pennsylvania and the Highway Drive-In of Bamberg, South Carolina. Both drive-ins could hold no more than 50 cars.

An interesting innovation was the combination drive-in and fly-in theater. On June 3, 1948, Edward Brown, Junior opened the first theater for cars and small planes. Ed Brown's Drive-In and Fly-In of Asbury Park, New Jersey had the capacity for 500 cars and 25 airplanes. An airfield was placed next to the drive-in and planes would taxi to the last row of the theater. When the movies were over, Brown provided a tow for the planes to be brought back to the airfield.

The drive-in theater movie experience cannot be beat. Here are the locations of Drive-In Theatres in Ontario. Do yourself a favour and check one out sometime before they are all gone.

Barrie Triple Drive-In - Phone (ontario canada) 487-3758,

Stinson Theaters 726-8190 Located 10 min. north of Barrie on Hwy. 11 Oro Line 4., Barrie, Ontario, Canada 3 screen drive-in, open during the summer.

Lindsay Twin Drive-in - 229 Pidgeon Lake Rd, Lindsay, On, Canada (705) 340-6666

Mustand Drive-In

Rural, Route 3, Peterborough, Ontario, CA 705-745-0241

Mustang Drive-In Theatres

RR # 7 London, ON, Canada 2 screens, FM sound 519-644-1160

North York Drive-In Theatre

893 Mount Albert Road Newmarket, ON, Canada 905-836-4444 3 screens, FM sound

5 Drive In

2332 9th Line in Oakville Ontario CA, phone # 905-257-8272.

48 Drive-In

30944 Hwy 48 Pefferlaw, ON, Canada 705-437-4980

Can-View 4 Drive-In Theater

Address: Hwy. 406 and Hwy. 20, City: Fonthill Province: Ontario, Canada Phone #: (905)892-1155 # of Screens: 4

Starlite Drive-In Theatre

R.R.#1 / P.O. Box 1405, Grand Bend, Ontario, Canada (519) 238-8344 / Open Early May to Labour Day

Muskoka Drive-In

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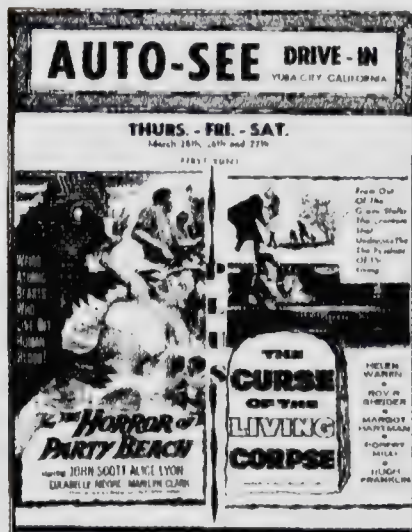
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5431 Guelph, Ontario
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Green Mt. Rd. East
just outside Hamilton,
Ontario, Canada. (416)
664-3800 / Open Early
April to late October 1
Screen (70 foot) with
AM/FM Sound

The Hanover Drive-In Theatre

Drive In Road, Hanover, Ontario, Canada 519-364-2066 1 screen,
radio FM broadcast sound open May to October.

Kingston Drive-In Theater

Address: Division Street north of Highway 401, Kingston, Ontario,
Canada Phone #: (613) 530-2707

Midland Drive-In

1299 Angela Schmidt Foster RD, Midland, Ontario, CA 705-526-
2411

The Owen Sound Drive-In Theatre

Highway 70 & Derby-Keppel Rd. Owen Sound, Ontario, Canada

Skylight Drive-In

Forest Lea RD, Pembroke, Ontario, CA 613-732-2136

Century Drive-In

Port Hope, Ontario, Canada phone# 905 372 5379, or phone #
905-432-8233

Skylark Drive-In

Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada

The Docks Drive-In Theater

11 Polson Street Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5A 1A4 Phone:
(416) 469-5655

Oxford Drive-In Theatre

Governor's Rd, Woodstock, Ontario, CA 519-537-7392



bad predictions

*This fun column features some predictions made in
history that, for obvious reasons, were not the
greatest and most accurate.... enjoy...*

"Despite the trend to compactness and lower costs, it is
unlikely everyone will have his own computer any time
soon."

- reporter Stanley Penn, Wall Street Journal, 1966.



Remember Poprocks?...

William A. Mitchell, a food scientist at General Foods for 35 years, held over 70 patents on products as diverse as Cool Whip, instant Jell-O and Tang. And he invented a substitute for tapioca when supplies ran low in World War II. But he'll be best known as the inventor of a new candy when he was actually trying to develop an instant soft drink by mixing flavouring and carbon dioxide: Pop Rocks. He did it in 1956, but the candy wasn't introduced until 1975, when it became an instant hit. It died as quickly after false rumours spread that eating the candy and washing it down with soda caused deadly "stomach explosion". Mitchell retired in 1976, and spent years trying to dispel the rumour. He died July 26, 2004 in Stockton, Calif., from congestive heart failure at 92.

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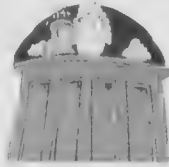
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Horses are not allowed in the town of Fountain Inn, S.C., unless they are wearing pants!

The Roman emperor Caligula (A.D 12-41) made it against the law for Roman citizens to bathe or laugh!

An old law in Utah states that the height of a woman's high heels cannot be over one and a half inches.

A sign on the Greenriver Bridge in Guilford, Vermont, warned of a two-dollar fine issued to anyone who passed through the bridge at a speed faster than a walk!



I Swear To Tell The Truth...

This column has tidbits of real transcripts from real court cases. In other words... the following statements were actually made in a real court of law. Enjoy...

"Is your appearance here this morning pursuant to a deposition notice which I sent to your attorney?"

A: "No, this is how I dress when I go to work."

"Doctor, how many autopsies have you performed on dead people?"

A: "All my autopsies are performed on dead people."

"All your responses must be oral, OK?"

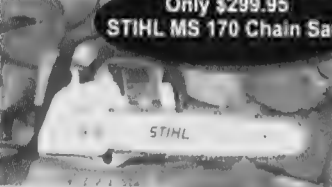
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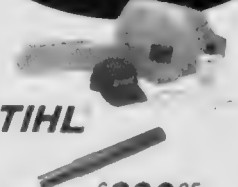
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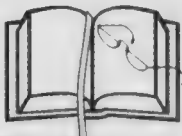
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Lange On The Law



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Real Estate Transactions

For real estate commerce to thrive, there must be certainty and finality in the purchase and sale of land. *Caveat emptor*, or buyer beware, has been the legal doctrine applied for centuries to achieve this goal. The basic tenet is that the onus is on the purchaser to ensure that the property to be acquired is in a satisfactory state for the purchaser's needs. In certain circumstances, courts have recognized that the finality of a purchase may be questioned when there are defects affecting property. The debate centres around whether the defects are patent or latent.

Patent defects are defects which are visible to the eye or which may be considered defects by necessary implication from something which is visible to the eye. For example, a crack in a basement wall tells a purchaser about the immediate condition of the wall itself but it may also speak of a larger structural support issue in the building. The test is whether the patent defect is readily discoverable by ordinary inspection before the closing of the transaction. If the purchaser fails to observe a patent defect on inspection or fails to make reasonable enquiries about the patent defect observed, he or she cannot complain about such a defect later. *Caveat emptor* applies. A vendor is under no duty to draw attention to a patent defect.

Latent defects are defects not visible to the eye or not readily apparent to the purchaser during ordinary inspection of the property. A vendor may rely upon *caveat emptor* provided the latent defect is unknown to the vendor at the time of sale. However, if the latent defect is actively concealed by the vendor or if the vendor is reckless in failing to disclose knowledge of it to the purchaser, the vendor may be liable. In these circumstances, *caveat emptor* does not apply to the purchaser and the purchaser may seek redress in court for rescission of the agreement of purchase and sale or for damages resulting from the latent defect.

In the next column, I will be talking about the concept of damages.

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I Feel Depressed... I Feel I'm Falling Apart... I Have Trouble Sleeping... Sometimes I Hear Voices...

by Stephen Patrick

Almost everybody in Haliburton County knows how to access regular or emergency medical care when you need a checkup, feel sick, or have an accident, even if you don't have a Haliburton family doctor. But for those who suffer from mental illness, the choices are sometimes not so clear cut and not so easy. This is in part because mental illness can often cause a sense of helplessness and despair. But help is at hand in the County: all it takes is a phone call to the Haliburton Highlands Mental Health Services (HHMHS).

The Mental Health Services were established in 1997, sponsored by the Haliburton Highlands Health Services and funded by the Ministry of Health. Their main office is in Minden, with part-time offices in Haliburton and Wilberforce. The HHMHS has a staff of five full-time counseling professionals, one administrative position, and a part-time program director, Jose Urbano. This efficient, dedicated unit provides a wide range of services, including individual, couple, and family counseling, psychotherapy referral and intensive case management, family support, and an important, but little-known homeless initiative.

How Do I Know If I Should Call?

What kind of conditions does this service treat or, as one might put it, "How do I know if I should call?" Here's what their clients often say when they first contact the service:

"I feel very depressed."

"Sometimes I feel like I'm falling apart."

"I am afraid to leave the house."

"I have a lot of trouble sleeping."

"I can go for days without eating or sleeping."

"Sometimes I hear voices."

"I feel like killing myself."



Doctors or family members refer some of the clients, but the majority is self referred. When an individual phones the HHMHS, he or she is connected to a counselor immediately, and an appointment is set up. The office hours are 8:30 to 4:30

Monday to Friday: after hours an answering machine will take a message and a counselor will call back during office hours. It's important to note that once counseling begins, emergency numbers are available for clients with severe depression or anxiety.

The HHMHS also provides a service for homeless people in Haliburton County who are mentally ill. In large urban centres, it's relatively easy to see and identify the homeless on many downtown streets. It often easy, in rural areas, to assume that homelessness

just doesn't exist here. But it does, and the HHMHS works actively to assure that the mentally ill homeless have shelter. This is a challenging task. Because there are no government homeless shelters, the HHMHS must find and arrange leases with private landlords to provide the space. In fact, it's not a bad deal for the landlords: the lease is guaranteed, and the clients are well supervised. At the moment the HHMHS has twenty units leased, with 18 occupied. But as winter approaches, that number is likely to increase.

Mental health care in rural areas has long been regarded as a sort of poor relation in the overall scheme of health services, and this has applied not only to the homeless. Jose Urbano, the program director, sees both sides of the problem: "In one way, it's a sort of positive. There is more tolerance of certain behaviours in rural areas, because so many of us are known to each other, and have some support. Some behaviours that on a

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Janet and her assistant Natasha Thorpe provide a full hairstyling service including foils, colours, ear piercing, waxes, and of course perms and straightening. They also offer a full family service including men and children. Their hours are Monday to Saturday from



9 to 5:30, and Thursdays they stay open until 8. Appointments are welcome, but where possible they accept walk-ins. You can reach Janet and Natasha at 705 286-2585.



Pictured is Janet Hirstwood (right) and Natasha Thorpe (left).



Mental Health Services Exist In Haliburton County

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main street in Toronto would land you in the back of the nearest police car are accepted here because the person is known. On the other hand, this can lead to some under-served situations, such as with the mentally ill homeless, or with people who suddenly lose the support of their families."

While many of you might not have know this service even existed in Haliburton County, it is a much needed, utilized service that deserves the attention and support of the community as a whole. If you require these services, or know of someone who they can help, be sure to pass along the info.

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Save Energy

Don't waste energy and time agonizing over unimportant decisions-what shirt to wear, where to eat, and what movie to see. There are no right or wrong answers to most of the decisions you have to make every day, so learn to make the minor decisions on life quickly, and move on. Toss a coin if you have to, but save your energy for those things that truly matter.

You Say

England is old and small and the local folks started running out of places to bury people. So they would dig up coffins and would take the bones to a "bone-house" and reuse the grave. When reopening these coffins, 1 out of 25 coffins were found to have scratch marks on the inside and they realized they had been burying people alive. So they thought they would tie a string on the wrist of the corpse, lead it through the coffin and up through the ground and tie it to a bell. Someone would have to sit out in the graveyard all night (the "graveyard shift") to listen for the bell; thus, someone could be "saved by the bell" or was considered a "dead ringer."

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Have a Picnic - Take A Walk - Enjoy The Tranquility Trail

The Haliburton Highlands Tranquility Trail, one of the prettiest and most peaceful places in Haliburton, is located just behind the heliport at the Haliburton Hospital. Peace and tranquility aren't what most people associate with a hospital: in fact, says Dale Walker, Executive Director of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation, (HHHSF): "cottagers

and visitors to the hospital from all over the world are amazed that we have this wonderful facility in such a relatively small community."

The Tranquility Trail and Labyrinth Healing Park was created initially as a memorial to Donna Sutherland. Donna was a Haliburton resident who, before her death in October, 2001, asked the HHHSF to share her dream of a retreat-like space that would be conducive to reflection and self-healing and accessible not just to hospital patients and families, but to all community members. Three years later, on lands provided by the HHHSF, that dream has become a beautifully-kept Labyrinth, two more trails, a stunning timber-frame gazebo and even a community garden.

"Qigong at the Labyrinth" is an example of how these spaces can be used by the community. Each Wednesday morning at 8 Lynda Shadbolt, a yoga and qigong teacher, leads the group in a 30-minute series of exercises that combine breathing and calisthenics. Qigong (pronounced "chi gung") is a "healing art" from China that's thousands of years old. The weekly session has proved popular enough that it's being extended through the fall, weather permitting. Instructor Anje Hilkers leads classes when Lynda is unavailable. Participation is by donation to the HHHS Foundation, or simply pull a few weeds in the Labyrinth.



More Planned For Trail

The Foundation has more plans for the Tranquility Trail. The site includes valuable wetland frontage on Grass Lake, so a wetland environmental assessment has been commissioned to monitor future development. Current plans include a boardwalk, for example, and the assessment will be helpful in ensuring the sustainability of the local ecosystems. Ducks Unlimited may become involved in an interpretative sign program as well. Haliburton High School students have volunteered to build the boardwalk this winter, although some donations of materials are still needed.

The HHHS Foundation encourages everyone to come and enjoy this great space, have a picnic lunch, or simply take a quiet walk. For more information call the Foundation at 457-1580.

Everyone is encouraged to come & enjoy this great space located at the Haliburton Hospital. Pictured bottom are people enjoying Qigong at the Labyrinth.

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This seminar will be one hour long and it will include mes-

sages about the role of the Ontario Securities Commission plus the investment fraud warnings and red flags. There will also be warnings about other types of frequent fraud perpetrated against seniors.

As a result of this seminar, more Ontario seniors will be knowledgeable about what to look out for when it comes to a prevalent investment scam or fraud. Ultimately, they hope to reduce the number of victims.

According to Project Phonebusters, a national task force combating telemarketing fraud in Canada, over half the reported victims of telemarketing fraud are over the age of 60, and those over 60 accounted for 73% of the people defrauded of more than \$5,000.

"We are very pleased to be partnering with Ontario's Seniors' Secretariat and the Volunteer Centre of Toronto to bring our investor protection messages to Ontario's seniors," said OSC Chair David Brown. "All too often we find that the victims of investment scams are senior citizens who can not afford to lose their life-savings. This presentation will arm seniors with the information they need to protect themselves."

If you would like to attend this presentation, or are looking for further information, please call Roxanne, at Home Support: 457-2941. Space is limited, so please reserve your seat!

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This event has been ongoing throughout the summer – so if you haven't been there yet, now is your chance - don't miss out on this great experience.

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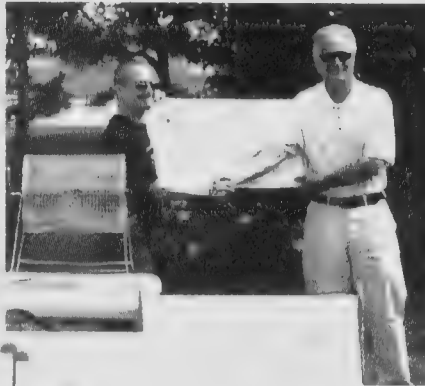
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Rock Ride For Childhood Cancer - Wilberforce Native Turns Tragedy Into New Mission

A former Wilberforce resident has turned tragedy into a new mission in life - raising awareness and funds to help fight Childhood Cancer. Bob Thomas, of the former motocross/hillclimb facility - Bill's Hills, moved to Sarnia nearly 16 years ago, got married and had 3 beautiful children. In September, 2002, their lives were shattered when doctors found a grapefruit-sized tumour in the chest of their daughter Samantha. The next nine months were spent primarily in London and Toronto Sick Kids hospitals while Sammy underwent two intensive chemotherapy protocols and ultimately a bone marrow transplant. Although the transplant seemed successful, complications arose, and little Samantha never came home. Instead of celebrating their birthday, identical twin sister Victoria and older brother Noah went to a funeral home and said goodbye to their beloved sister. Autopsy results showed that even after the transplant, there were still cancerous cells in Samantha's system.

Whether or not the significant pollution from the petrochemical industry in the Sarnia area, which has one of the highest cancer rates in Canada, was actually the cause of Sammy's cancer is still unknown. Regardless of proving causality, Bob moved his family away from the accidental chemical spills and emission releases and started fresh in Cambridge. Bob and Lori knew they had to do something to help in the fight against cancer, but what could they do? After attending a couple other charity rides and lots of research, they set their minds on founding an annual charity motorcycle ride to raise money for research.

Finally, after nine months of emailing and calling sponsors, promoting at other events, collecting prizes and planning every detail, the inaugural R.O.C.K. Ride took place on July 17th.



The R.O.C.K. (Ride for Our Cancer Kids) was a great success, raising over \$13,200 for the Childhood Cancer Foundation Canada - Candlelighters. With the assistance of local businesses and a few pre-ride events to offset operational costs, every dollar was going direct to the Foundation's Research Fund. All the participants were impressed with the prizes, the route and the cause, promising to return next year with more fellow riders and more pledges.

The raffle-winner of the \$2500 diamond ring even donated his prize back to the R.O.C.K. to be auctioned off to raise more money for research. The generosity and fund-raising abilities of the motorcycle community has always been legendary when it comes to charitable causes.

The R.O.C.K. will continue to grow, bigger and better every year. Someday Bob hopes to go national, and have rides in each province. Until the need for childhood cancer research is eliminated, the ROCK will keep on rolling.

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Crime Flashback

by Max Haines

Incriminating Evidence: It Isn't Often That An Individual Stands Trial For The Same Crime Five Times

THAT NIGHT IN 1909 was as quiet as the interior of a mausoleum when someone beat Jim McClurkin to death.

Jim owned the cotton gin and mill in Calhoun County, Ala. He lived with his sister, Rachel, and his miller, Ernest Dodgen, in his own home, located about 300 yards from the mill.

A strange noise broke the stillness of the night. Rachel awoke with a start. The noise seemed to be coming from the mill. Figuring that someone was breaking into the mill, Rachel slipped on a nightcoat, shook Jim and lit a lamp. As she did so, Rachel, who obviously could hear a pin drop in the next county, distinctly heard a wagon cross over nearby Oxford Bridge.

Jim put on his overalls and ran down to the mill. Sure enough, there had been a break-in. He returned to the house, saddled up an old mule and took off after the culprit.

Jim didn't do that well. Next morning, as the sun rose over the heart of Dixie, laborers found Jim's battered body among the high cotton about two miles from his home. He had been beaten to death with a heavy stick.

PILE OF STICKS

The cotton patch was in close proximity to two homes. One was occupied by a gentleman with the unlikely name of John Body and his mother, Hettie; the other by an unmarried lady, Lina Price. Outside the Body house, if I may use that expression, were piled several large sticks of the type used to send Jim McClurkin to that great cotton patch in the sky. It was correctly surmised that the murder weapon had been selected from this pile of sticks.

Fifty feet from the Body house was a large peach tree. A chain which was wrapped around the tree was often used to tether mules and horses. About a half a mile distant from the two houses, across fields, was the home of Ervin Pope, his wife, and niece Lulu. Ervin owned his home but didn't own a wagon.

An investigation into the murder was immediately undertaken. Wagon tracks were discernible leading away from Jim's mill. They were followed almost to the point where the body was found, but disappeared where the road gave way to heavy stone. The local blacksmith, Joe Dodgen, was enlisted to help in the investigation. Joe

picked up a mule's hoofprints leading from the point of the murder to within 50 yards of Ervin Pope's home. Joe had no difficulty identifying the tracks as the same ones leading from the mill to the rocky road.

When cotton seed and sorghum seed stolen from the mill were found in a barn owned by Pope, he was arrested and charged with Jim McClurkin's murder.

John Body gave police a statement. He said that a rattling noise from the chain around the peach tree had awakened him on the night poor Jim was done in. He heard someone say, "Hello," and the response, "Ervin, Ervin, I ain't going to do nothing." John went downstairs, opened the door a smidgen and peered into the darkness.

According to him, one man was beating the other with a stick. A mule was tied to the chain around the old peach tree. The wielder of the stick took off his shoes, threw them on the road and took off, leading his mule. John couldn't identify the man with the stick. He remembered the time because his clock struck two just as he closed his door.

John's mother, Hettie, said that she too had been awakened by the fuss. She got up, peered out a window and saw the fracas, but could not identify the killer. She said she could make out the form of a wagon in the darkness.

The circumstantial evidence was slowly being constructed into a formidable case against Pope, who swore he knew nothing whatsoever about the murder and had slept soundly throughout the night. His wife corroborated his story, but was disqualified from testifying at the trial.

BUTTONS AND BUCKLES

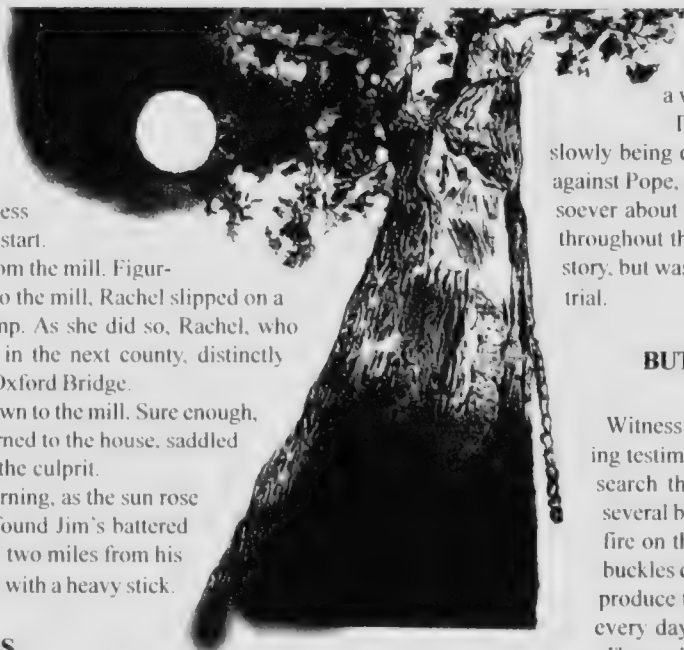
Witness after witness supplied incriminating testimony. John Draper, who had helped search the Pope property, told of finding several buttons and buckles in the ashes of a fire on the Pope property. The buttons and buckles came from overalls. Pope could not produce the overalls which he wore almost every day.

The road and ditches were searched for miles in an attempt to find the shoes which John Body claimed had been tossed away. They were never found, but a bloody pair were found in Pope's barn. One shoe had a large bulge on one side, indicating that the wearer suffered from an extremely large bunion.

Pope's defence counsel produced an expert who testified that a couple of the buckles found in the fire on Pope's property came from braces, not overalls. Some of the buttons could have come from regular trousers. They also pointed out Pope did not have a wagon and had no real motive to steal. His farm was relatively prosperous and he did not have to steal seed.

Ervin Pope was found guilty and sentenced to hang. An appeal was launched with the Supreme Court of Alabama. That august body confirmed the sentence, but ordered a new trial.

Pope had exhausted his entire net worth financing his defence at his first trial. The court now appointed a young lawyer, Neil Sterne, to defend him. It was Sterne's first murder trial. At Pope's second trial,



John Body said a rattling noise from the chain around the peach tree had awakened him on the night poor Jim was done in.

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the sentence was upheld and a new trial ordered.

Ervin Pope stood trial five times in all. The fifth trial ended exactly the same as the first.

Now, six years after the murder of Jim McClurkin, the fate of Ervin Pope was left to the governor of Alabama. The governor wanted to be sure that Ervin was guilty beyond a reasonable doubt, and conscientiously consulted with the judge who presided over the fifth trial.

The governor asked pertinent questions. Was there ever any chemical test for blood done on the shoes? Was Pope asked to try on the shoes? The judge had to reply in the negative. The governor went on. Would the verdict have been affected if the shoes had not fit Pope? The judge had to respond that the verdict might very well have been affected by such a revelation.

The shoes were produced. When Pope tried them on, they were two sizes too big. There was no sign of a large bunion on his foot. The governor commuted Pope's sentence to life imprisonment.

POOR DEFENCE

In 1921, some six years later, the governor was giving an address to the Alabama Bar Association. He reviewed the Pope case, emphasizing the poor defence provided to the accused and the points which convinced him to commute Pope's sentence.

Among the audience was lawyer Neil Sterne. He took exception to the governor's remarks and responded to them. The defence had not attempted to construct an alibi for the accused after Pope's niece Lulu told them her uncle had not arrived home until 3 a.m. on the night in question.

Sterne informed the governor he had tried the bloody shoes on Pope. Unfortunately, the shoes were a perfect fit. That's why he didn't bring up the matter at the trial. He warned the prosecution that if they attempted to try the shoes on Pope, he would move for a mistrial based on an invasion of the accused's liberty. Sterne further pointed out that the reason the shoes no longer fit Pope when the governor intervened was because his weight had dropped from 165 lbs. at the time of the murder to 120 lbs. After serving six years in jail. Pope's bunion had long since been cured by the prison doctor.

Sterne concluded his rebuttal by adding that sometime after the fifth trial, he had been contacted by a man named Knighton, was chief electrician of the Alabama Power Corp. Knighton told Sterne that on the night of the murder there had been trouble on the electrical lines near the scene of the crime. At about 2 in the morning, he had seen a man driving a mule and wagon along the road leading from McClurkin's mill. The man was Ervin Pope.

Who Dun-It



Detective Minden sat on a park bench munching popcorn from a brown bag. Captain Cetchum sat next to him sipping a soft drink. "We're planning to set up a net to trap a couple of guys who have been robbing stores and banks out in Haliburton County." Captain Cetchum told Detective Minden. "You might want to come along."

"Tell me about it," Detective Minden said.

"It looks as if the thugs call for an ambulance to divert attention and then rob some place nearby. I talked to D.U. Fanna, the Irondale Hospital administrator, and his two ambulance drivers. They're going to let us know when they get a call, and we'll surround the area with police cars. Up until now, the robbers seem to disappear into thin air. About 20 minutes after the ambulance call reporting a fake emergency, a small isolated bank or store gets robbed by two men wearing masks and coveralls. They always tie up and blindfold their victims to give themselves plenty of time to get away. The local police have been on alert but they haven't seen anyone speeding away or any unusual traffic. No one has seen any strangers in the area. It seems to be someone local or someone able to disappear into thin air, as I said. Right now we don't have any suspects at all."

"You do have suspects," Detective Minden said, "and I have a suggestion about your trap."

Who did Detective Minden suspect?

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So it seems that bear spotting is growing throughout the county. After we ran pictures of our neighbourhood bears in the last issue, we found a lot of people talking about the increase in bear sightings throughout the county.

With the increase in sightings due to what appears to be an increase in the local bear population, comes a responsibility to us the "intruding" public. We must remember that they were here first, and we are in fact in their territory. So along with respect for these creatures must come common sense and responsible judgement.

Even though bear attacks are extremely rare, here are some tips that will help you to minimize risk if your are traveling in bear country

If you Encounter a Bear:

Remain calm and avoid sudden movements.

Give the bear plenty of room, allowing it to continue its activities undisturbed. Every bear has a zone of danger or personal space — that is, the distance within which a bear feels threatened. If it changes its natural behavior (feeding, foraging or movement) because of your presence, you are too close. If you stray within that comfort zone, a bear may react aggressively in the form of a bluff charge, bodily contact, or even an outright attack.

If you spot a bear and the bear is unaware of you, detour quickly and quietly away.

If spotted by a bear, try to get its attention while it is a good distance away. Help the bear to recognize that you are human, by talking to it in a normal voice or waving your arms. If a bear cannot tell what you are, it may come closer or stand on its hind legs to get a better look or smell. A standing bear is usually curious, not threatening.

Some bears will bluff their way out of a threatening situation by charging, then veering off or stopping abruptly at the last second. Bear experts generally recommend standing still until the bear stops and then slowly backing away.

Never run from a bear. Running may elicit a chase from an otherwise non-aggressive bear, and since they can run faster than 30 mph, you have no chance of outrunning them.

Never feed or toss food to a bear.

Climbing a tree to avoid bears is popular advice but not very practical in many circumstances. All black bears, all grizzly cubs, and some adult grizzlies can climb trees. Running to a tree may provoke

an otherwise uncertain bear to chase you.

Throw something onto the ground (like a camera) if the bear pursues you, as it may be distracted by this and allow you to escape.

If you carry pepper spray, be sure that you have trained with it before trusting it during an attack.

If a Bear Attacks:

Black bears and grizzly bears are very different animals, with grizzlies being responsible for most bear-attack fatalities.

In the extreme case that a grizzly bear makes contact with you,

play dead. Lie face down on the ground and place your hands around the back of your neck. Stay silent and don't move.

Try to keep your legs spread apart to prevent the bear from rolling you over. If possible, leave your pack on to protect your back. Typically a grizzly bear will break off its attack once it feels the threat has been eliminated. Remain quiet and motionless for as long as possible. Bears will often watch from a distance and return at the first sign of movement.

Black bears attack very rarely, but when they do it is most likely a predatory attack (i.e. looking for a meal). Even though a normal black bear does not view people as food, a starving or injured bear might. Playing dead or climbing a tree will not stop these kind of attacks, so your best recourse is to act aggressively and try to intimidate the bear by yelling and waving your arms and if necessary, fight back using

any object available.

When the bear no longer feels threatened, it will usually leave the area. Do not move or make noise until you are sure the bear is gone.

Precautions in Campgrounds and Picnic Areas:

Do not cook or store food in or near your tent.

Keep a clean campsite by properly disposing of garbage, washing your dishes, and wiping down table tops.

Hang food and anything with strong odors (toothpaste, bug repellent, soap, etc.) out of the reach of bears, if possible (at least ten feet above the ground and five feet from the tree trunk). If no trees are

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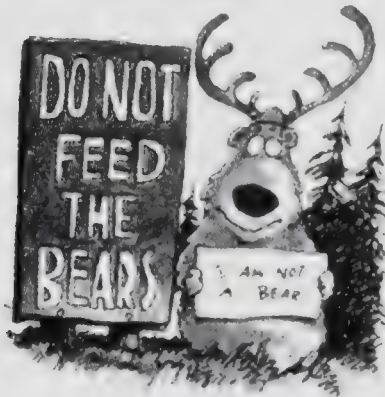
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available, store your food in airtight or specially designed bear-proof containers.

Avoid taking odorous foods (they attract bears) and keep food smells off your clothing.

Burn garbage completely in a hot fire and pack trash out (don't bury it). Food and garbage are equally attractive to a bear so treat them with equal care.

On the Trail or in the Backcountry:

Avoid surprising bears at close range. If you are hiking through bear country, make your presence known, particularly where the terrain or vegetation makes it hard to see. Make noise, sing, talk loudly, or wear a bell.

If possible, travel with a group. Groups are noisier and easier for bears to detect.

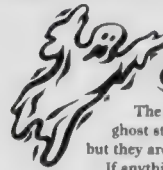
Bears may be active at any time of the day or night, but they tend to be more active at dawn and dusk. Plan your hikes accordingly and stay on established trails.

There are several indicators that may alert a backcountry traveler that a bear is in the area. Some of the most easily identifiable clues include rub trees, diggings, scat, and tracks. Identifying these clues may help to prevent an encounter.

One myth is that bears are attracted to the scent of a menstruating woman. Bear experts say that is rumour, not fact.

Leave your dog at home. Pets and bears don't mix.

Learn and obey the rules and regulations of the wilderness and other areas you're hiking in.



GHOST STORIES

The following is a fun little column for those who like ghost stories... Whether these are true or not we don't know, but they are stories told by those who believe they saw real ghosts!! If anything, they do make for interesting little stories... enjoy

Algonquin Park – The Ghost of Tom Thomson

One of Canada's foremost landscape artists died in the waters of Canoe Lake in Algonquin Park in the year 1917. Although linked to Canada's Group of Seven, Thomson passed away three years before it's inception.

Thomson's death and burial are shrouded in mystery. Thomson served as a park ranger in Algonquin from 1913 to 1917 and was an accomplished "canoer" and swimmer and yet he was found (reportedly) tangled in fishing line and drowned. The official report is Death by Accidental Drowning but it would almost seem as he was murdered.

His burial is also in question... He was originally interred beside Canoe Lake but his family soon asked that he be exhumed and moved to the family plot.

In 1956, the plot near Canoe Lake was opened and a skeleton was found. The problem was that it was not Thompson but that of a native man. The family plot has never been "re-opened" to check that it's contents are "legit" but of interesting note is that Tom's girlfriend tended the original grave site on Canoe Lake until she passed away.

Since the time of his death, people have reported seeing the familiar shape of Tom Thomson paddling his canoe silently through and around Canoe Lake.



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In The Garden

with Bonnie

*Submitted by Bonnie Pentney, Master Gardener
Haliburton County Master Gardeners*

Mulch - is it beneficial or not?

Mulching has got to be the most often disregarded aspect of gardening. I know we all love the gardening process but there comes a time when most gardener's think enough is enough I just want to enjoy this darn garden for a bit. Well for anyone that wants a little bit of a break from the day-to-day maintenance of their gardens mulch is for you

Mulching may seem like an expensive option at the beginning of the season however a relatively small investment at the beginning of the summer will pay major dividends throughout the growing season. Mulch does many wonderful things other than just making your garden look well maintained and professional, such as water retention and weed control

To begin with mulching your gardens is the best way to decrease the amount of watering necessary for your garden. Mulch has tremendous water retention properties. This summer hasn't really needed those water retention properties but we've all lived through summers where our gardens required hours and hours of watering. Mulch is one way to save as much as 25 percent of the water necessary to keep your gardens vibrant. The mulch saves water because it shades the ground from the sun and reduces the level of evaporation from drying winds.

Mulch also improves the quality of the soil. It encourages helpful soil organisms such as earthworms that improve the aeration of the soil. Most mulch that is available or that you could create yourself is what is referred to as organic mulch. This mulch comes from something that was once alive such as hay, tree bark or wood chips. This organic

Mulch

material breaks down over the course of a couple of years releasing valuable plant foods into the soil much the same way that compost adds rich nutrients. But this breaking down of the mulch means that more has to be added every year or two in order to maintain a good thickness of mulch. Mulch should be applied at a thickness of 2 - 4 inches. This may seem like a lot but it is essential. Proper mulching virtually eliminates all weeding that must be done to maintain a garden. The mulch is very effective at smothering out seedlings as they germinate

A bit of specifics regarding certain mulches follows so you can best choose the type of mulch that is best for you. There are many different materials that can be used as mulch. Organic mulches include pine needles, wood chip nuggets, pine bark mulch, hay, straw, compost, and leaves. Pine needles are slightly acidic and are best used around acid loving plants like blueberries, azaleas, and rhododendrons. Wood chip nuggets are large pieces of wood that are usually applied around the base of trees, shrubs, and for pathways. Pine bark mulches are small shredded pieces of bark and wood. This mulch is suitable for annual and perennial flower beds. Old hay or straw that has aged and is no longer suitable for livestock is a cheap way to cover the soil between the rows in vegetable gardens. The best mulch to use is compost. If you have a small garden you could certainly produce enough compost to apply a minimum of 2-4 inches on a yearly basis, but if your gardens are large you will have to purchase mulch. Leaves when shredded make great mulch and are readily available every fall.

Now you have some of the information that you need in order to make your gardens beautiful for years to come. The best part is that when a garden has been mulched it then requires much less time and energy on our part to produce great results. If you hate weeding as much as I do then put a thick layer of mulch on all your garden beds. You won't believe how much more time you have to just sit back and enjoy them



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Brown eggs, however, are more expensive because the chickens that lay them eat more than those that lay white eggs." Among the breeds that lay brown eggs are the Rhode Island Red, the New Hampshire and the Plymouth Rock - all larger birds that require more food.

It has been suggested that brown eggs may have tasted better at one time. Some say for years, the chickens preferred by commercial growers happened to lay white eggs. A few smart cooks sought out brown eggs because most of the home-reared American flocks, which had access to flavour-enhancing weeds and bugs, happened to lay brown eggs. Commercial egg producers eventually got wise to this. They started raising chickens that laid brown eggs, and charged a premium for them at the store.

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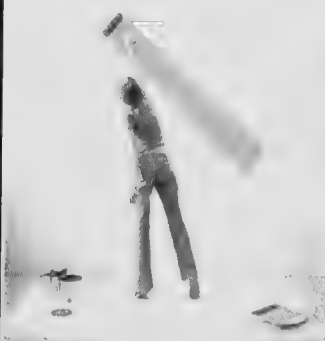
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Jay & Anita at the Firehouse

The Millpond Restaurant



Brad at the Millpond

A few kilometres south in Carnarvon is the Mill Pond, owned and operated by Anne and Brad Archer for the past 12 years. Chef Brad provides a traditional breakfast buffet from 8 until noon including scrambled eggs, pancakes, french toast, sausages, bacon, home fries, plus fruit salads, muffins, and even fresh baked



croissants. The price is just \$7.95, and it's available both Saturdays and Sundays until Thanksgiving, and then on Sundays only. The Mill Pond is at 705 489-3353.

Elephant Lake Lodge

Now let's travel east, all the way to the Elephant Lake Lodge, owned since the 1970s by the Smith Family. Cindy Baumhauer (nee Smith, of course) along with her family provide a popular breakfast buffet each Sunday for Elephant Lake cottagers as well as their own cottage guests, local residents, and anyone who wants to drop



Cindy Baumhauer

by for a tasty breakfast. The Smith's also own the Cedar Meadow Golf Course right next door, and hungry golfers are always welcome. The all-you-can-eat buffet includes fruit salads,



*Elephant Lake
Lodge*

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pancakes, eggs, bacon, and sausages, as well as muffins and danishes, and is available for just \$6.95 per person. You can reach the lodge at 448-2861.

South Algonquin Cookhouse

John Bower is the owner and operator of the South Algonquin Cookhouse and Store, located on Highway 648 in Harcourt. From 9 until 2 in the afternoon John and his Chef Jamie Peterson offer the traditional brunch fare of sausages, bacon, home fries and scrambled eggs along with their special omelettes and eggs benedict. In addition, Chef Jamie provides an impressive array of his own dessert creations, from black forest cake to chocolate eclairs, cream puffs, maple swirls, and even mouth watering homemade butter tarts. Definitely leave the diet at



Jamie at the Cookhouse

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If you like buffets, this restaurant is known to hold



South Algonquin Cookhouse

special dinner buffets on special occasions such as Mother's & Father's day, the Christmas Holidays, Thanksgiving, etc. Watch for details, or call The Cookhouse can be reached at 705 448-2322.

Woody's



Swinging back we arrive in Haliburton where we can find Woody's on Haliburton Village's main street, which offers an a la carte Sunday Brunch from 9 until 3. The menu range is really impressive, from

the special breakfast burrito of scrambled egg, bacon, rice, black beans and salsa, for just \$6.50 (including choice of soup, salad, or fries) to an amazing meal of a

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Woody's

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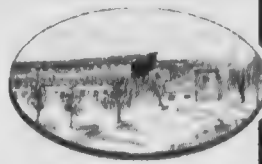
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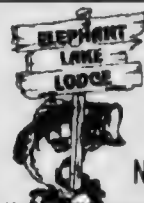
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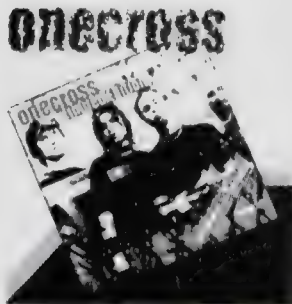
The free concert is taking place Saturday Aug 28th at Head Lake Park in Haliburton. If raining, the venue will be moved to lakeside Baptist Church in Haliburton. The concert starts at 7:00pm.



About The Band

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A new exhibition for the winners of the juried photo exhibition will be unveiled August 20th. "It's a great time to take time and see the arts we have." Says Laurie Carmount.

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BIA Cleaning Up In Haliburton: They Really Make A Difference

The Haliburton BIA (business improvement association) is close to completing the first stage of its long-range strategic plan to improve the look and feel of the downtown. A few weeks ago brand new attractive and efficient garbage bins made their appearance. The large flowerbeds and baskets have also been much appreciated by all shoppers.

These developments, along with the colourful banners leading into the village, have been part of the first stage of the plan. The individual businesses in the BIA earlier this year voted to double their annual levy and Dysart council added an additional \$35,000 towards the completion of this early stage. BIA President and V. & S. Owner Andy Glecoff says: "what we're basically trying to do is to bring the appearance of Haliburton up to the standard of competitive towns in the tourist industry. For years we lagged way behind other jurisdictions so some of the merchants downtown decided to take the bull by the horns, approach council, ask money from our own associates, and make some improvements around here."

The next stage is much more complex and demanding. It involves changing and improving the facades of almost all the buildings on Haliburton's main street as its first phase. The initial drawings have been completed and are very impressive. Many merchants have already committed to the plan, including Stedmans itself. Andy describes the look as "traditional and historic".

Council has been approached as well for its support, and Anthony Van Lieshout has already changed the look of the Village Barn with its new expansion, and façade.

The BIA has also asked the consultants who prepared the façade design to draw up some guidelines for any new development that might take place downtown. These guidelines could eventually become part of Dysart's official plan, but for the moment will be guidelines for the issuance of new building permits.

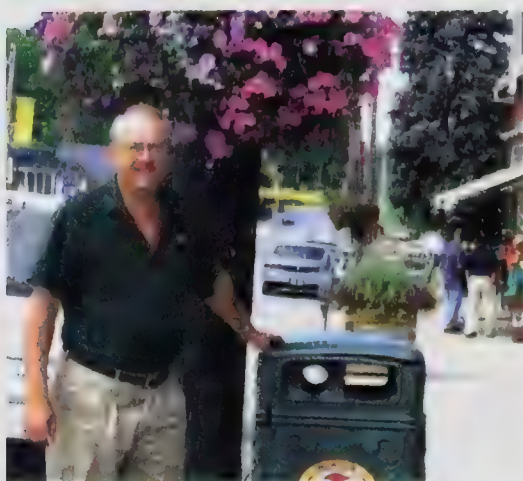
The BIA plan will concentrate at first on changes to Highland and Maple Streets. The next phase will extend that work to York Street, and the other back streets. And, as Andy points out, "it's an awful lot of work, and it's basically all volunteer hours. Derek Knowles, who recently moved to Lake Kashagawigamog, is our volunteer downtown co-ordinator and puts in just a ton of hours for us, appearing before council and so on."

The OPP has also helped out with presentations to Council, which prove that the better kept, better looking the town, the less vandalism it suffers.

Andy Glecoff points out that "Simple things like crooked signs all over the place, street signs, look awful and it's got to be Council's responsibility to improve this. There's still sand on some of the sidewalks from the winter, for example." He adds, "We're trying to be the catalyst to make things happen that should have happened. It can't happen overnight, but we've sure got to make a start." And the BIA and its member merchants are determined that the look and feel of the Village's downtown will continue to improve, to the benefit of all residents.

"What we're trying to do is to bring the appearance of Haliburton up to the standard of competitive towns in the tourist industry."

BIA Improvements Are Noticable Everywhere...



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Everyone can now be calm. The newly named Win Yeung Chinese Restaurant is now open, and an early survey of customers has pronounced it terrific. The new owners are Alex Cao and his wife Alvy Tsang and their daughter Carmen. The family is new to Haliburton, but not to cooking Chinese food. Alex brings a solid 17 years Chef's experience to their new business. The traditional items are still there, but Alex has added his own version of Beef with Ginger and Green Onion,



Ma Po Tofu, and some of the Szechuan dishes. Everything is cooked to order, and take out is usually available with 30 minutes.

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Remembering A Great Man...

He was a man of great respect, and one that is missed by many who knew him - be it in person, or through one of his many great novels. On November 27, 2003, the county was shaken as beloved naturalist R.D. Lawrence gently passed away in Haliburton - with the sounds of his beloved wolves playing in the background, and his wife Sharon holding his hand.

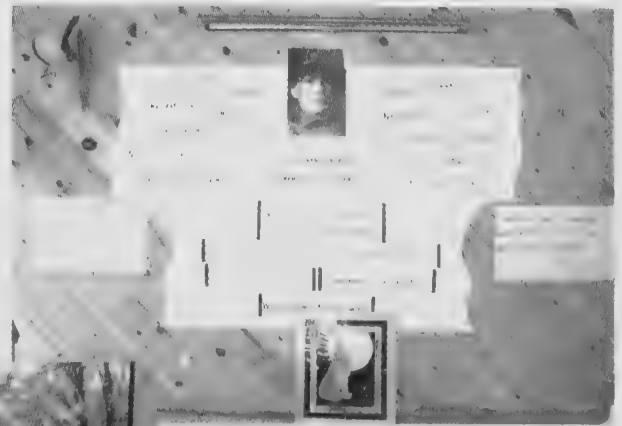
On August 14, friends, family, and fans gathered at the Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve base camp to attend a Celebration of Life, in honour of R. D. Lawrence. A wonderful display was on hand for all to view, as well as an assortment of photos and memorabilia. Guest speakers



talked about their memories of Ron, and afterwards, everyone visited the wolf centre,

which considering Ron's life with wolves, was a very appropriate conclusion to this celebration.

Pictured is a stained glass work that was donated to the wolf centre in memory of R.D. Lawrence.



Memories of R.D. Lawrence.



pictured right is Ron's wife at the service.

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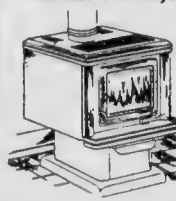
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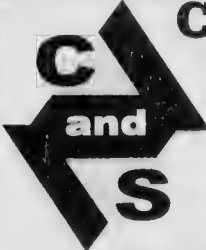
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KLEPP, Norway - A Norwegian man who tortured his neighbours with loud music for 18 months has been jailed and fined. The unidentified man in his mid-30s apparently lost control in the summer of 2002 when he was disturbed by a neighbour speaking very loudly on the phone in the town of

Klepp. In retaliation, he began playing music and videos at deafening levels each day right through the end of 2003. The man was warned by police many times, and even arrested several times. It wasn't until he threatened to shoot a police officer that he was charged with menacing behaviour. Seven area residents testified about the man's reign of noise, and court was told his next-door neighbour had already moved away. He was sentenced to 21 days in jail, ordered to pay \$1,100 in court costs and had his stereo and video systems confiscated.

A Waste of a Good Tour

This happened recently in Chicago to passengers taking a ride on the Chicago's Little Lady architecture tour one afternoon. As the boat cruised under the Kinzie Street Bridge on the Chicago River, a load of foul-smelling gunk showered the tourists and splashed the upper, open deck. Witnesses on the tour spotted a large black tour bus that was the culprit of the waste dumping and some passengers were able to write down partial license plate numbers of the bus. After the incident, the boat's captain turned the vessel around so passengers could return to the dock. "I can only presume that perhaps it's human waste. There was a very strong smell to it," said Anita Pedersen, spokeswoman for the tour boat company. The passengers were all given refunds and the boat was thoroughly cleaned with disinfectant.

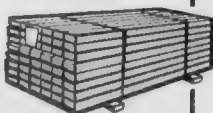


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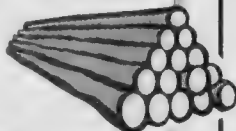
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Great Day On The Golf Course For Ken!! - A Hole In One!!

by *Natasha Mackesey*

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In July, Ken, the young buck from Wilberforce, was enjoying a relaxing afternoon at Martin Wood Resort Golf Course with his father, uncle, and cousin. Never did he know that this day would turn into a life altering memory.

Totally unaware of the outcome, Ken stepped up to the 17th hole, pulled out his 7 iron, and took a swing. He stood there speechless as he watched his ball go over that hill and roll right into the hole. "I watched it, but never knew that it was going to go in," Ken says, "When



Photo by *Shawn Welsh*

I finally realized what just happened. I couldn't believe it!"

Never in his life has he ever witnessed such a thing, and to have it happen to him is a moment he will always cherish. "My father has been into golfing for 40 years, and had never seen a hole-in-one before that day," Ken adds.

He still has that precious golf ball that he made his first ever hole-in-one, and doesn't have any intention of letting it go. "I'm hoping to build a trophy stand for it one day," Ken says proudly.

So was this all skill or simply pure luck? Ken's the one who knows the answer to that, but I guess all of you avid golfers out there wish you had that

\$23,000 OTF Grant Helped Upgrade Branch 624



August 15th the members of the Royal Canadian Legion's Branch 624 mingled with MPP Laurie Scott at a recognition event celebrating the upgrades that were made to their building thanks to a \$23,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation. "I would just like to say thank you to the Legion and it's members, and a special thanks to the Trillium committee members for applying to the Trillium grant program

to secure the \$23,000 for the upgrades," says Laurie Scott.

A one-year grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation was given last September to replace the flooring at the Wilberforce Legion. To help keep costs in line and make this truly a community project, many local volunteers came together to help install the new floor, which will benefit not only the Legion members because the Legion donates the hall to groups wishing to use it for their special event.

"Local Legions and their members add great value to their communities. The Wilberforce Legion is a perfect example of this," Laurie later adds.

The Legion is an integral part of the community offering Dances and Entertainment such as Joe Ficsher the "Elvis Impersonator" being held Saturday August 28th, at 9:00 pm while still keeping the spirit of the Royal Canadian Legion close at heart honouring our Veterans with a Dinner and Dance on Thursday September 23rd, at 6:00 pm.

"The Trillium Foundation feels very fortunate to be able to help branch 624 in this community project. The men and women of the armed forces have made a tremendous contribution to Canadian life, and this is a chance to support them," says Peter Forgrave, Chair of the Local Grant Team of the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation, an agency of the Ministry of Culture, Receives annually \$100 million of government funding generated through Ontario's charity casino initiative. The Foundation

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For further information, please contact Bonnie Jessup, President of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 624: 705-448-2221. Or contact Laurie Scott, MPP, Haliburton-Victoria-Brock: 705-342-6654



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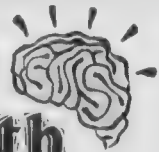


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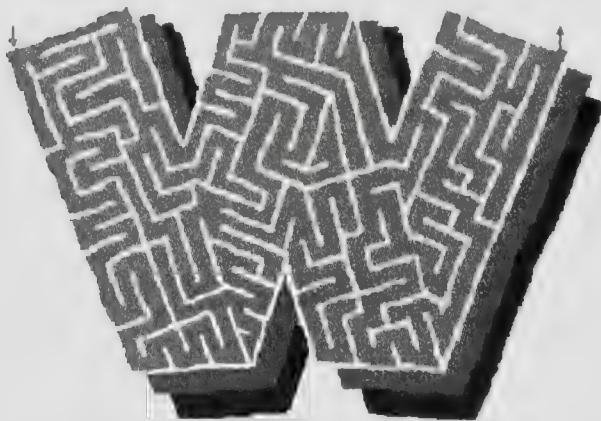
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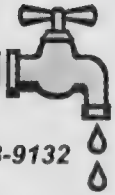


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Water Woes

Hello again, isn't it great that we've had so much rain? All that time saved not having to water the garden! Yeah right, I had to tie a rock to my tomato plants to keep them from floating away. We're drinking bottled water and our local beach has been closed several times because of too much rain. If it doesn't stop soon I'm going to start building an ark.

Excessive rain creates unsafe conditions because it saturates the soil, then soaks through to the ground water supply carrying too much surface contamination with it for the natural filtration system to deal with and results in poor water quality, assuming you had potable water to start with. Lake water is susceptible in the same way but because it has no natural "aquafier", it is more easily affected by surface contamination. Before you drink from any water source be sure to have it tested.

The water quality can change so results from a single sample aren't enough to give you an accurate picture of your water source.

Frequent tests will give you a better idea of what will be needed to deliver clean water to your tap. It could be as simple as a one-time super-chlorinating or may require more sophisticated equipment depending on your situation and preference. With all the choices available today, practically any water source can be purified to the point of being potable.

Your local health unit will let you know how to take a sample, test the sample, give your bacterial counts and advise you as to the drinkability of your water. Looking, tasting and smelling isn't enough to tell whether a glass of water is fit for human consumption.

Using my dogs' guidelines for water quality is way out. The pond that I carefully waded into to catch frogs is perfectly o.k. to jump into and drink freely from in their opinion, if only life were that simple.



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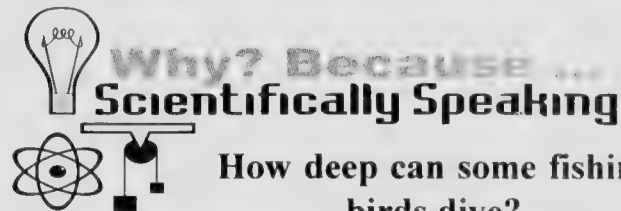
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Friends of the Library Launching Membership Drive

Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library has launched their annual membership drive. Anyone who becomes a member by August 27th will be eligible to win a round of gold for two at the Delta Pinestone.

They have over two hundred members now, advocating for the needs of the library and building partnerships to bring more books into the eight branches. Individual Memberships are \$2 and Family Memberships are \$5.

For information call Michael Fay, 286-3668, or by e-mail, m.fay@sympatico.ca



How deep can some fishing birds dive?

A number of seabirds are known to dive as deep as 300 feet (100 meters) to catch fish. But the Emperor penguin has been observed to dive over 900 feet (300 meters) in its quest for food.

Camp Fire Night

Grab your guitar and bring your voice, come join others for a song filled evening down at the Elvin Johnson Park Halls Lake on August 18th for Camp Fire Night.

If you missed it once already this summer, then be sure to gather family and friends and head down for a great get together.

This will be an evening full of fun for the whole family, from campfire songs and roasted marshmallows to bubbles and sparklers for the kids. "There will be song sheets filled with lots of fun silly songs to sing around the campfire," Melissa Alfano joyfully announces.

This old-fashioned campfire night goes from 7 pm-9 pm, so don't be late to grab your spots. For further information contact Alisha Stevens: 705-766-9968

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How to win?... We did a feature story on local establishments that serve Buffet or Brunch style meals. To enter, just write down each restaurant and what town they are located in. The winner receives a

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Send in your entries along with your name, address & phone number to:

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Good luck to all!!

I decided to take an aerobics class... I bent, twisted, gyrated, and jumped up and down for an hour. But, by the time I got my leotard on, the class was over.

Jack Ward Golf Tournament Welcomes New Participants

For a fun day of golf, join the Monmouth Curling Club for the 4th annual Jack Ward Memorial Golf Tournament, Saturday September 18, at the Lakeside Golf Course in West Guilford. The event is a mixed best ball.

The fun on the course is followed by a delicious steak BBQ at the curling club in Wilberforce. The cost to participate is only \$40.00 per person. There are lots of prizes to be won as well as tons of fun!

Shotgun start at 2:00 p.m.. For more information call Don Fleming - 705-448-3333 or Joe Driscoll - 705-448-2373. The event is limited to 18 teams so don't delay. Payment is required when registering.

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Family Picnic Social Aug. 18

On August 18th an eventful Family Picnic Social is taking place in Minden, and everyone is welcome to join in. The cost is free for adults and only \$5 per child and it's running from 11 am-2 pm. This is the third time it has been held, and there's always a good turn out. So if you've missed it those other times, or anticipating to join in again, than be sure to head down to the Minden Hills Museum Grounds.

"Last time there was a turn out of approximately 30 children, not including the amount of parents that showed up," said Carol Simmons.

This is going to be a great time not only for the kids, but for adults as well. There is going to be games, crafts, stories, old-fashioned treats for purchase and prizes to be won! This is going to be an occasion that you will not want to miss out on. For more information please contact Carol Simmons: 705-286-3154

Backyard BBQ Reminder

They're sold out, but for those who bought tickets, this is a reminder about the Backyard Barbecue Thursday, August 19th at 5:00pm. Proceeds go to the Minden Health Care Auxiliary.

Where? In the backyard of Margaret and George Bull, 14 Knob Hill Court, Minden, 286-4001. Please bring your own chair and carpool if possible. Rain date: August 20th

As mention above, this event is already sold out and this is just a reminder for ticket holders. Entertainers are Soyna and Mike Proctor, Joe Fischer, and the Country Hat Flashers.

Admission is by ticket only.

Spot Sam The Advertising Man for your Chance to Win \$50!

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Just read all the ads and keep an eye out for Sam - The advertising man. We will be hiding a few Sams in various ads throughout the publication, so look for more than one. Once you think you have found all the Sams you can, write down how many you spotted, in what ads, the publication date, your name, address and telephone number, and mail them, email them or fax them to the Highlands Communicator.

The first correct answer pulled from entries received wins \$50! It's that easy and it's fun too!

There were 8 sams in the last issue. They were hidden in the following ads: Bernsteins, Teddy Time, Paulmac's Pet Food, Eileens Ice Cream, Lambs & Ivy, Haliburton County Home Support, Haliburton Artesian Well Drillers, Sears Minden.

The winner of last month's Spot Sam contest is
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ANNOUNCEMENT

The 3rd annual Little Bob Lake Olympics held on July 24 was able to raise \$200 for the Haliburton Health Services Foundation. Thanks one and all for their contributions and for another successful year!

Who Dun-it Solution

Detective Minden suspected that an accomplice made the emergency calls and then the ambulance drivers went out and robbed places on their way back from the phoney emergencies. He noticed that the robberies happened 20 minutes after the phoney emergencies instead of while the police and ambulances were rushing to the scene. Coveralls would cover the ambulance drivers' uniforms, and tying and blindfolding the victims would prevent them from seeing that the getaway car was an ambulance.

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Urban Legends

Roland Opus leaped off a high Manhattan residential building on a June morning in 1994.

The body had been caught in a suicide net erected at the 8th floor to discourage jumpers. He died regardless, but the net enabled the autopsy to be performed. Immediate cause of death was found to be a shotgun blast to the head.

Since he would have normally survived the jump a murder investigation was begun.

At the time of the jump, NYPD received a call from a woman on the 15th floor who had heard a gunshot from the apartment next to her.

The responding officers had found an old man and an old woman squabbling in their apartment, the old man holding a 12-gauge shotgun. Their argument largely resided around who had loaded the weapon.

It turned out that as part of their regular, "To the MOON, Alice!" routines, the old man would point an unloaded shotgun at his wife and pull the trigger. This time, however, the gun had been loaded. The blast had missed his wife, taken out the 15th-floor window, and blown away the head of the jumper as he passed.

The odds of this, of course, are incalculable.

The husband swore up and down that they never kept the gun loaded. The only other person who had been in the apartment an hour earlier was their son. Police went to question the

A Weird Suicide / Homicide

son but couldn't find him.

Meanwhile, further investigation by the coroner's office had revealed that the jumper — Roland Opus — had had serious financial difficulties (they run a credit check when you kill yourself. Scary, no?) And though his parents were very monied, they'd cut him off.

The coroner's office had found that Roland Opus's parents lived on the fifteenth floor of the building from which he had jumped. They were actually on the phone with the parents of the deceased, relaying the information of his death when they received a call from the NYPD officer in charge of the attempted murder investigation, who had just heard word of a jumper "minus a head" at the base of the same building and corresponding timewise with reports of the discharge of the shotgun and wanting to know what THAT was all about.

It took them a while to figure this one out...

It turned out that the jumper had indeed been in his parents' apartment earlier that morning. Knowing full well his parents' histrionic routine with the shotgun, he had loaded the weapon, figuring that sooner or later his father would threaten his mother with it, and pull the trigger. Then, with his mother dead, and his father in jail, he stood to inherit the entirety of his family fortune.

However, disconsolate, Roland Opus flung himself from the roof of the building less than an hour later. At the same moment his father and mother were in the midst of a typical argument and Carl Opus, as always, pointed the shotgun at his wife and pulled the trigger. This time the weapon discharged. The blast missed Mrs. Opus but struck their son, young Roland, in the head as he sailed by, killing him instantly.

After much debate, the coroner's office ruled this Death by Misadventure, since for all practical purposes, the young Roland Opus had indeed killed himself.

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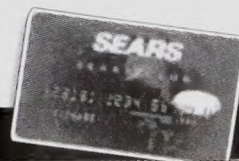
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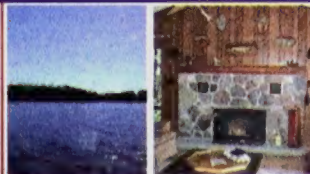
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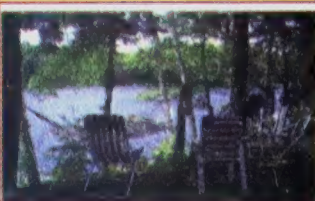
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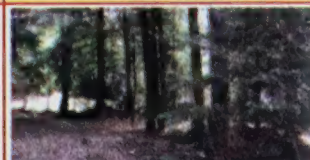
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